(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Since inception of the Scheme, 15,09,159 SHGs have been formed all over the country. Out of this 1,23,409 number of SHGs have taken up economic activities for self-employment under the Programme with a total investment of Rs.7626.18 crores which includes Government subsidy and Bank credit.

(e) Apart from the groups given subsidy and credit for setting up microenterprises, a large number of groups have been given Revolving Fund Assistance under the programme of credit linked under the SHG Bank linkage programme of NABARD.

Funds to Bihar under Swajaldhara Yojana

†2510. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount as assistance proposed to be disbursed to Bihar during the current financial year under Swajaldhara Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): Rs. 873.725 lakh have been allocated to the Government of Bihar for implementation of Swajaldhara projects, during 2003-2004.

Assistance to destitutes of over 65 years

†2511. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide full amount of additional assistance to all the destitute beneficiaries of over 65 years receiving pension, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government provide amount of additional Central Assistance for the sake of all beneficiaries of National Family Assistance Scheme, if not, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, whether suitable additional central assistance for the sake of all entitled beneficiaries would be provided to be state of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission allocates funds to States/UTs for the transferred Schemes of Annapurna and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) (which consisted of National Old Age Pension Scheme and National Family Benefit Scheme). These funds are then released by the Ministry of Finance as Additional Central Assistance. These schemes were transferred to the State Plan w.e.f. 1-4-2002. As per the existing guidelines regarding transferred Schemes (National Social Assistance Programme and Annapurna) States and Union Territories have requisite flexibility in the choice and the implementation of these Schemes. The Additional Central Assistance provided to the States/UTs under these programmes can be utilised on Welfare Schemes of Old Age Pension, Family Benefit or free foodgrains to the aged by taking up one or two or all of the three or in any other combination in accordance with their own priorities and needs.

(c) Under transferred Rs.54.05 crores have been allocated to the Madhya Pradesh during the year 2003-04.

Preparation of BPL list

2512. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BPL list is not prepared on merit by the Block Officers;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of total families included in BPL list; and

(c) whether it is a fact that in Korai, Jaipur, Badachana, Danagudi, Dharamshala, Rasalpur, Bigharpur, Dasrathpur, Bani and Sukinda Blocks of Jaipur district people are included in poverty alleviation programme even though their names are not in BPL list?